



FAITH ⁱⁿ HOUSING INITIATIVE

Dear Faith & Housing Summit Attendees,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your participation in the Charlotte Faith & Housing Summit 2024. Your presence and engagement made this event a great success. The diversity of attendees, including community leaders, faith organizations, housing advocates, and local residents, was truly inspiring. With over 300 individuals and 200 organizations, your commitment to addressing housing challenges was evident and impactful.

Throughout the day, we heard powerful stories and gained invaluable insights from our speakers and breakout sessions. Your contributions highlighted essential themes such as connecting low-income families with resources, reimagining faith community properties for social impact, and providing housing literacy and transitional living options.

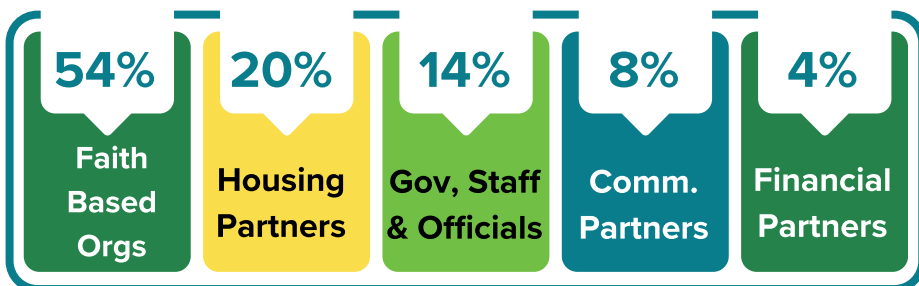
Your feedback and ideas have paved the way for actionable steps forward. The need for funding, training programs, partnerships, and technical assistance was clearly voiced, and we are committed to addressing these needs to support faith-led housing initiatives.

Thank you for your dedication and willingness to collaborate. Together, we are making significant strides towards creating affordable housing solutions and fostering a more inclusive community. I look forward to our continued work together.



With sincere appreciation,
 LaWana Mayfield
 Council Member, City of Charlotte

WHO SHOWED UP?



WHO ATTENDED?



What you heard

Speakers and discussion leaders outlined the landscape of affordable housing development and the challenges we face as a community. Here's what you heard:

- Solving Charlotte's affordable housing gap will require collaboration over competition.
- Needs extend beyond housing, including support for food insecurity, immigrants, and services for various vulnerable groups.
- A clear vision is needed for long-term sustainability.
- The right partners are crucial.
- Understanding the development process is key.
- Faith communities have options for leasing or transferring land.
- Select experienced partners for capital and development to help reduce risks.
- Challenges remain in policy, financial support, and neighborhood buy-in.

What you said

Nearly all attendees participated in table discussions, and 140+ people responded to the post summit survey. Here's what you said:

- We want more opportunities to gather and learn about faith-led housing initiatives soon.
- There's a need for continued collaboration and networking to address housing challenges effectively.
- We need more resources and training to understand the housing development process.
- We need technical assistance in areas such as financing, zoning, and permitting to advance housing projects.
- We would like a common database or directory to connect faith communities with resources, experts, and peers.
- We're grateful for the opportunity to share experiences and learn from others, which helped build a sense of community and shared purpose.
- We're committed to housing solutions that serve diverse populations, including low-income families, immigrants, and vulnerable youth.
- Early and frequent community engagement is key to gain support for housing projects.
- Experienced developers and financial partners are necessary to successfully navigate the complexities of housing projects.
- The diverse examples of faith-led housing initiatives shared during the event provided valuable insights and inspiration.

More is in the works, check our website for upcoming events or to sign up for our directory, <https://bit.ly/cltfaithhousing>.